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## URBAN/ HIP-HOP/ STREET LIT



Tracy Price-Thompson  
Chocolate Sangria  
Other People's Skin  
Gather Together In My Name  
I-900-A-N-Y-T-I-M-E-

Anthony V. Rivers  
My Live Is All I Have

Mike Sanders  
Thirsty

Sapphire  
Push (also under Precious)



Sister Souljah  
No Disrespect (Non-fiction)  
Coldest Winter Ever

Midnight  
Vickie Stringer  
Dirty Red  
Still Dirty

Kiki Swinson  
Sleeping With the Enemy  
Notorious  
Wifey 4 Life

T. Styles  
Diamond Playgirls

Nikki Turner  
Relapse  
Forever A Hustler's Wife  
Black Widow  
Backstage  
Christmas in the Hood



Omar Tyree  
Boss Lady  
Flyy Girl  
What They Want  
Pecking Order

Michelle Valentine  
A Girl's Gotta Eat  
Tu-Shonda Whitaker  
Millionaire Wives Club

Kashamba Williams  
Around the Way Girls2  
(co-authored)  
Teri Woods

Dutch  
Dutch II: Angel's Revenge  
Alibi



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What is Urban Lit?

Here's what Urban Lit is:

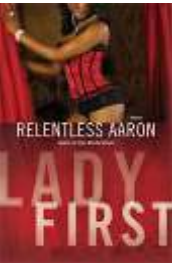
Urban Lit — formally known as Urban Literature, sometimes called Hip-Hop Lit — is a relatively young genre, but it is extraordinarily popular, thanks to page-turning storylines, contemporary urban settings, realistic characters (usually African-Americans), and straightforward prose styles. Almost all Urban Lit titles fall into one or more of the three main subgenres: Street Lit, with a focus on violence, drugs, and street life; Drama Lit, with a focus on human relationships; and Urban Erotica, with a focus on sex.

Here's what happens in Urban Lit:

Though storylines will vary widely depending on subgenre, Urban Lit books reliably examine contemporary lifestyles, particularly African-American lifestyles. In many ways the examination is celebratory: African-American music, culture, art, and politics feature prominently, and of course, African-Americans are the primary characters. Unlike any genre outside the tradition of African-American literature, Urban Lit consistently features black characters; the working assumption that the main characters are black is, in itself, an unspoken celebration of African-American culture.

But Urban Lit books consider the bad along with the good. Positive aspects of African-American culture get their due, but so too do the ugly realities of many African-American lifestyles. For instance, books in the Street Lit subgenre usually offer a morality tale, in which the dazzling allure of drugs, casual sex, materialism, and macho street violence is revealed as dangerous by the end of the story.

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Relentless Aaron  
Lady First  
Mark Anthony  
Reasonable Doubt  
Ashley & JaQuavis  
The Cartel  
The Trophy Wife

Dwayne Birch

Beneath the Bruises

Tracy Brown

Snapped

Niobia Bryant

Message From A Mistress

Wahida Clark

Payback With Ya Life

Darren Coleman

A Taste of Honey



JaQuavis Coleman

The Dopeman's Wife

The Dopefiend

Donald Goines

Black Gangster

Swamp Man

Kenyatta's Escape

Never Die Alone

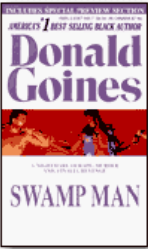
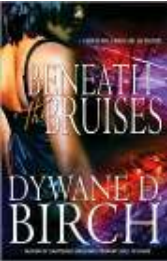
Daddy Cool

White Man's Justice,

Black Man's Grief

Black Gangster

Kenyatta's Escape



Chester Himes

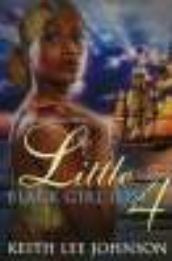
The Third Generation

Lajill Hunt

Shoulda, Woulda Coulda

Around the Way Girls2 Keith Lee Johnson

Little Black Girl Lost4: The  
Diary of Josephine Baptiste



Dewayne S. Joseph

Home Wrecker

Betrayal

Deja King

Diamond Playgirls

Tony Lindsay

One Dead Preacher

Madame K.

Girls From the  
Hood3 (co-authored)

Felicia Madlock

Sins of the Father

Nathan McCall

Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young

Them

Michelle McGriff

Colored Summer



Rochan Morgan

Crossroads

Walter Mosley

Devil In A Blue Dress

A Red Death

White Butterfly



Blonde Faith

Diablerie

The Tempest Tales

The Long Fall

Known To Evil

Noire

Maneater

Felecia "Snoop" Pearson

Grace After Midnight: a memoir

Daaimah Poole

Diamond Playgirls

A Rich Man's Baby

We Take This Man

Mike Sanders

Thirsty

Niobia Bryant

Give Me Fever

Anthony Whyte/Shannon Holmes

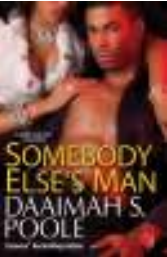
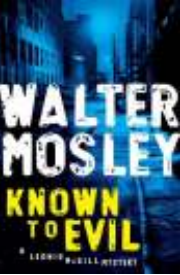
Hard White: On the Streets of New York  
Only One Color Matters (coming soon)

Teri Woods

True to the Game (coming soon)

Travis Hunter (coming soon)

Momma's A Virgin



Black Betty

Gone fishin'

Six Easy Pieces

Little Scarlet

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Fortunate Son

Fear of the Dark

Killing Johnny Fry